

What Does Public Health Look Like in Kansas?

Facts about Local Health Departments in Kansas

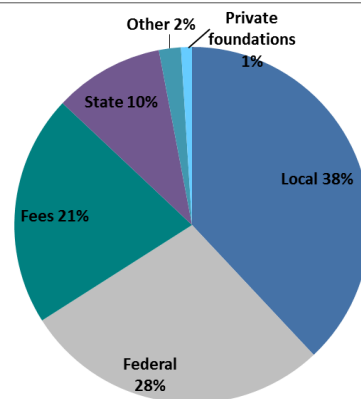
- 100 Local Health Departments are located in all 105 Kansas counties and are governed by local Boards of Health or County Commissions
- 73% have fewer than 10 employees and 31% have fewer than five
- Kansas is one of 27 states that has a decentralized public health governance structure—local health departments are controlled locally

Services Provided in Kansas

- Health screening (100%)
- Laboratory services (100%)
- Immunizations (100%)
- WIC (100%)
- Childcare provider licensing (100%)
- Disease investigation/follow-up (100%)
- Pre-and post-natal services (97%)
- Health education (90%)
- Limited dental services (86%)
- Car seats (59%)
- Foot care (59%)
- Preparedness (99%)
- School health services (74%)
- Healthy Start Home Visitors (76%)

Source: Kansas Local Health Department Survey 2013

Public Health Funding in Kansas



Source: NACCHO, 2010

Public Health Workforce

Profession	% of health departments	# of professionals
Nurses	100%	413
Physician relationship	100%	NA
Prenatal/newborn home visitors	70%	85
Dietician	46%	90
Health educators	32%	35
Sanitarians	30%	33
Certified billers	11%	14

How Does Local Public Health Benefit Your Community?

- Prevents epidemics and the spread of disease
- Educates you and your neighbors about health issues
- Protects against environmental hazards ensuring safe water, food and air
- Mobilizes communities to collectively identify and solve health problems

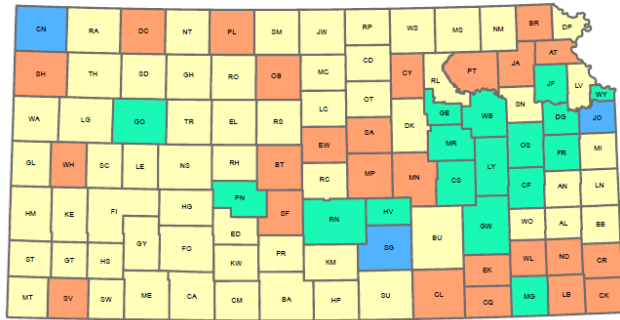
For more information: Contact your local public health department, call KDHE Bureau of Community Health Systems at 785-296-1200, or go to http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/local_health.html.



Progress on Public Health System Improvement in Kansas

Community Health Assessment Progress in Kansas

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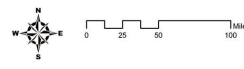
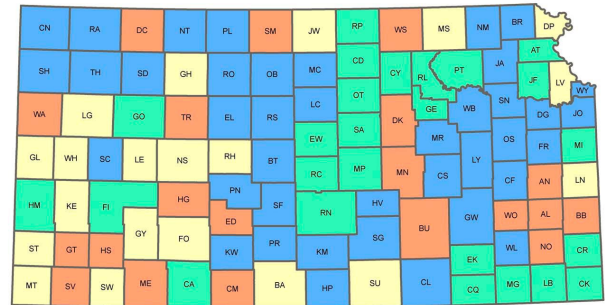


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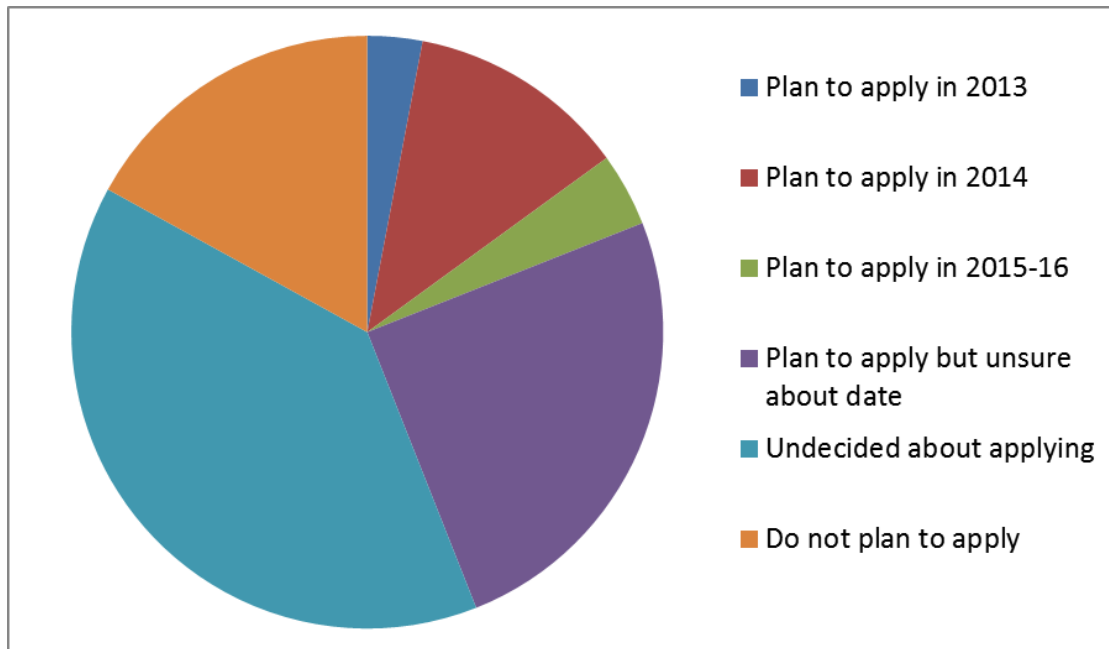
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In one year, tremendous progress occurred with the majority of counties having either completed a community health assessment or made significant progress toward an assessment.

National Public Health Accreditation in Kansas



Source: Aid to Local Formula Grant Survey March 2013

Beginning in 2013, accreditation became a method for local and state public health agencies to identify performance improvement opportunities, enhance management, develop leadership and insure quality public health services to the communities they serve. Forty-four local health Departments, as well as the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, have indicated definite plans to apply to the Public Health Accreditation Board, with 15 setting target dates in 2013 or 2014.